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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on whole turkeys. Demand light to fair, mostly light. Trading light on frozen private label nonbasted netted timed hens delivered East from the Midwest. Offerings light to sometimes ample, generally adequate. Trade sentiment on tom breast meat steady with some cautiousness noted on regular trimmed fresh. Trading moderately heavy on fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey and fair on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts in the Midwest for current shipments, balance of trading light. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to sometimes fully adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export demand and trading continues to be active for Asia on tom wings and drums with some buyers resisting the increased confidence demonstrated by a few sellers on tom wings. Some inquiry noted for Mexico on toms and frozen thigh meat at lower price levels. Mexico has delayed implementation of their Avian Influenza guidelines until February 12, 1999.

Effective January 4, 1999, all turkey reports are being issued from the Des Moines Market News office. As a result of our review of trade practices and reporting procedures, we have revised the reports to better serve the needs of our customers. Call your local Market News office for further details.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 19, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	55	55.00	280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 JANUARY 1999.

Undertone steady to barely steady on tom drums, tom full-cut and tom 2-joint wings at least steady. Trade sentiment on tom breast meat steady with cautiousness noted on fresh. Demand light to fair, mostly light on 4-8 lb. breasts. Fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey demand instances improved in the Midwest, otherwise slow. Inquiry on tom 2-joint wings light to sometimes good for export with limited offerings. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 135 cents delivered. For export: tom full-cut wings (1 rail-car and 1 container) 18.25-18.50 mostly 18.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00		97.00	640
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	18.93	300
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	21.00	16
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	25.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	38.50	30
NECKS, TOM		T	24.00	6
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	166.00-172.00		167.20	300
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	59.86	70
BREAST TRIM MEAT	113.00		113.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	99.00		99.00	80
TENDERLOINS		R	107.00	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	135.00		135.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	55.00		55.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	7.00-15.00		14.41	880

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-18.50		18.11	456
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	260
TAILS	19.00		19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.80	400
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	54.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-82
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-73

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	85-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-115

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDERS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
1998-99	0	259,015	259,365
1997-98	0	278,510	278,760

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